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REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that Claims 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 15 and 19-23 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowed subject matter of dependent Claim 6 and intervening Claim 5. Accordingly, it is believed that Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-7 are allowable.

Claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the indicated allowed subject matter of claim 19 and the intervening Claim 17. Accordingly, it is believed that Claims 8-21 are allowable.

Claims 22 and 23 were not rejected and since Claim 22 is an independent claim, it is believed that it is allowed along with its dependent Claim 23.

New Claim 24 incorporates the allowed subject matter of Claim 3 while new Claim 25 incorporates the allowed subject matter of Claim 4.

In accordance with the amendment and the indication of allowable subject matter, it is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and an early notification of the same is requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this matter, it is respectfully requested that he contact the undersigned attorney at the listed phone number.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to the USPTO at 571-273-8300 on November 2, 2005.

Very truly yours,

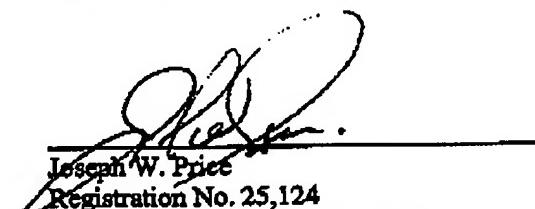
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